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Points raised in Department telegram 1342 June 22 were discussed with French Minister and British Charge today and I believe their views are substantially in line with ours. But certain discrepancies may arise in reports due to abundance of rumors and paucity of fact.

French Minister Du Gardier called on me this morning to exchange views. I touched on alleged bombing of Mendoza house which Du Gardier, like virtually everyone here, regards as transparent fraud. I also informed him of apparently reliable reports that child allegedly killed Saturday is actually alive and has undergone successful operation in general hospital to remove 7 mm bullet from throat. Pictures of child which appeared June 20 in TRIBUNA POPULAR and June 22 in EL IMPARCIAL indicate clearly that wound was not caused by 50 mm slug from plane. EL IMPARCIAL caption says photo is of child "who has been reported dead". Copies of photos being collected for despatch at first opportunity.

Du Gardier appeared in full agreement and said he had been instructed send copies all his cables to Hoppinot at UN.

Krieg called on Andrew, British Charge, this afternoon. Andrew anticipated purpose of visit since he had already received inquiry from British Embassy Washington. He said he had based initial report on information he believed reliable that bomb had been dropped in Saturday morning's raid but had later discovered error and sent correction. (This Mission has same information but did not report it).

Krieg pointed out probable falsity of government charge child was killed and that in any case bullet could not have been from plane. He also cast doubt on story of rebel plane which Guatemalans claim landed near Apachula. As for bombing of Mendoza house, Andrew said he had regarded that as government plant from beginning and had so informed his government.

Army Attache McCormick will discuss same points with Cuban Military Attache, only Cuban representative here, and Krieg had previously done so with Monsignor Cheli, Secretary of Papal Nunciature. Other friendly diplomats will be approached in near future.

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